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MEMORANDUM

Eighth Coast Guard District Coastal Region, Auxiliary Policy Directive TRNG-13-03

Subj: ACTIVE DUTY QUALIFICATION EXAMINER (QE) PROGRAM

Ref: Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual, COMDTINST M16794.51 (series)

1. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this directive is to announce the disestablishment of the Active Duty Qualification Examiner (QE) program within District Eight Coastal Region (D8CR).
2. **DIRECTIVES AFFECTED.** None.
3. **DISCUSSION.** In September 2013 the Boat Crew Advisory Board reviewed the activity and productivity associated with the Active Duty QE Program and noted that in the last 26 months only two QE sessions have been performed by Active Duty QEs, whereas 214 such sessions were conducted by Auxiliary QEs during the same period. The QE sessions conducted by Active Duty personnel were conducted by the same individual over one year ago. During this same period there were 39 Auxiliary QE and Qualification Examiner – In Training (QE-IT)s and nine Active Duty QEs. A review of the documentation on D8CR's nine Active Duty QEs do not support that they were ever trained nor recommended for qualification by the applicable Area Qualification Examiner Coordinator (AQEC). The primary purpose of having Active Duty personnel serve as QEs for the Auxiliary was and remains to fill gaps where geographic barriers inhibit QE travel and/or there are no Auxiliary QE-IT candidates available. The funding of QE travel and interest in the program by qualified Auxiliarists has removed this obstacle from the membership's path of development within the surface operations program. Further the Auxiliary Boat Crew Program is an authorized program and as such should be run by the Auxiliary as much as Commandant Instructions allow. All points considered, the Board has determined that there is currently no mission need for an Active Duty QE program at this time.
4. **ACTION.**
 - a. The use of Active Duty personnel to conduct all or any part of an Auxiliary Qualification Examiner sessions is no longer authorized. All letters previously issued by the Director to Active Duty QEs shall be considered rescinded as of this date.
 - b. Active Duty personnel and/or facilities may assist the Auxiliary QE in conducting a QE session by providing a disabled boat or any other support function that does not include Active Duty personnel assessing for qualification an Auxiliarist's skills.
 - c. A QE session candidate may not complete a QE check ride on an Active Duty platform, unless that platform has been transferred, via the District Commander, to a flotilla.
 - d. Nothing in this directive is meant to discourage Active Duty Commanding Officers and Officers in Charge from assessing an Auxiliary boat crew's skills to assist them in determining how to best use Auxiliary assets for their operational needs.

- e. Active duty personnel remain highly encouraged to participate in training Auxiliary boat crews in their Area of Responsibility.
- f. Auxiliarists remain highly encouraged to participate in any training opportunities offered by local Active Duty commands in order to better their skills and to build a closer working relationship with Active Duty personnel.

5. **QUESTIONS.** Any questions, concerns and recommendations regarding the Active Duty QE Program should be directed to the Operations Training Officer. The telephone number is (504) 671-2142.



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